

EC-3750. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inmate Fees for Health Care Services" ((RIN1120-AB11)(70 FR 43047)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1697. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the Hope Scholarship Credit to cover fees, books, supplies, and equipment and to exempt Federal Pell Grants and Federal supplemental educational opportunity grants from reducing expenses taken into account for the Hope Scholarship Credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1698. A bill to accelerate efforts to develop vaccines for diseases primarily affecting developing countries and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. REED, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1699. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. FRIST, Mr. REID, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 1700. A bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1701. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOND, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 1702. A bill to modify requirements under the emergency relief program under title 23, United States Code, with respect to projects for repair or reconstruction in response to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1703. A bill to provide for the development and implementation of an emergency backup communications system; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 1704. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the taking of property by eminent domain for economic development; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1705. A bill to allow a credit against income tax for providing housing to victims of Hurricane Katrina and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the limitation

on charitable donations by individuals for donations for the relief of the victims of Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S.J. Res. 24. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance and on United States currency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 237. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on reaching an agreement on the future status of Kosovo; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 238. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of our Nation; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 114

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure that every uninsured child in America has health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 246

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 246, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused

health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments.

S. 385

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 385, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to designate certain functions performed at flight service stations of the Federal Aviation Administration as inherently governmental functions, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 855

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 855, a bill to improve the security of the Nation's ports by providing Federal grants to support Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and to address vulnerabilities in port areas identified in approved vulnerability assessments or by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Farm

Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to enhance the ability to produce fruits and vegetables on covered commodity base acres.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to deepen the peaceful business and cultural engagement of the United States and the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to provide death and disability benefits for aerial firefighters who work on a contract basis for a public agency and suffer death or disability in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1197, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1197, *supra*.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1272, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 1309

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1309, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend the trade adjustment assistance program to the services sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1313, a bill to protect homes, small

businesses, and other private property rights, by limiting the power of eminent domain.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1369, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1405, a bill to extend the 50 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility and to establish the National Advisory Council on Medical Rehabilitation.

S. 1496

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1496, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps.

S. 1527

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1527, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to immunizations against vaccine-preventable diseases, including influenza, and for other purposes.

S. 1597

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1597, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 1637

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1637, a bill to provide emergency relief to meet the immediate needs of survivors of Hurricane Katrina for health care, housing, education, and financial relief, and for other purposes.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to provide for the establishment of programs and activities to assist in mobilizing an appropriate healthcare workforce in the event of a health emergency or natural disaster.

S. 1646

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1646, a bill to provide for the

care of veterans affected by Hurricane Katrina.

S. 1678

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1678, a bill to temporarily increase the standard mileage rate for use of an automobile for purposes of certain deductions allowed under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to temporarily increase the reimbursement rate for use of an automobile by Federal employees.

S. 1685

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1685, a bill to ensure the evacuation of individuals with special needs in times of emergency.

AMENDMENT NO. 1523

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1523 intended to be proposed to S. 1042, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1652

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1652 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1654

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1654 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1661

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1661 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1670

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1670 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for

Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1687

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1687 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1688

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1688 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1694

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1694 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1695

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1695 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1703

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1703 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1703 proposed to H.R. 2862, *supra*.

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1703 proposed to H.R. 2862, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. TALENT, his name was added as a cosponsor of

amendment No. 1703 proposed to H.R. 2862, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1703 proposed to H.R. 2862, *supra*.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1697. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the Hope Scholarship Credit to cover fees, books, supplies, and equipment and to exempt Federal Pell Grants and Federal supplemental educational opportunity grants from reducing expenses taken into account for the Hope Scholarship Credit; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, Senator SMITH and I are introducing legislation today that would allow more students in our Nation to take full advantage of the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit.

Since it was signed into law by President Clinton in 1997, the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit has annually helped millions of students reduce the cost of going to college. In 2003 alone, more than 7.3 million college students claimed this and the Lifetime Learning tax credit. This credit, which can be as much as \$1,500, has helped families offset the increasing cost of college—costs that have gone up 51 percent at public 4-year colleges, 36 percent at private 4-year colleges and 26 percent at public 2-year colleges over the past decade.

Unfortunately, many students and their families are unable to take advantage of the maximum amount of the credit because it is limited to covering “tuition and related expenses.” Students that attend colleges with lower tuition costs, such as those at many of our Nation’s community colleges, are not entitled to the maximum amount of the credit. As we all know, tuition is just one of the many expenses associated with going to college. Room, board, books, supplies, equipment and fees can be prohibitively expensive for those who attend colleges that have reasonable tuition charges.

The bill addresses this inequity, by allowing the Hope scholarship tax credit to cover expenses associated with fees, books, supplies, and equipment. To limit the bill’s cost, a student’s room, board and related expenses would remain excluded. It is important to note that the Tax Code commonly recognizes non-tuition expenses, including substantial living expenses, in programs such as section 529 plans and tax-exempt, pre-paid tuition plans. Our bill, reasonably, covers a much more limited subset of these same expenses.

In addition, the legislation changes the Tax Code so that any Federal Pell grants and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants students receive are not counted against their eligible expenses when Hope eligibility is calculated. This change will provide

some assistance to needier students, especially those attending 4-year public colleges. However, since the Hope tax credit will remain non-refundable, the costs of these changes will remain low.

Both of these modest changes will make college more affordable to many students and families that do not currently benefit from many of the other tax provisions that are targeted to more wealthy families. For many of these students, the ability to get the maximum amount of the tax credit may be the difference in the student being able to take an additional class or not having to sit out a semester.

This legislation is supported by the American Council on Education, the United States Student Association, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and a number of other prominent higher education organizations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1698. A bill to accelerate efforts to develop vaccines for diseases primarily affecting developing countries and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, this week world leaders are meeting at the United Nations to reaffirm the commitments made five years ago under the United Nations Millennium Declaration, including the commitment to halt and begin to reverse by the year 2015 the spread of HIV/AIDs, malaria, and other major diseases that claim the lives of millions of people around the world every year. We still have a long way to go if we are going to meet this challenge.

AIDS, which has already claimed the lives of 20 million people, continues to be the leading cause of premature death in sub-Saharan Africa. An estimated 39 million people worldwide are infected with HIV. Last year alone, 4.9 million people were newly infected with HIV, and 3.1 million died. For years, the epidemic was focused on sub-Saharan Africa, but now HIV is spreading fastest in Central Europe and in parts of Asia.

Although the AIDS pandemic has gripped the world’s notice, other diseases such as malaria and tuberculosis have drawn less attention—but they too are deadly, particularly for those in the world’s poorest countries. Malaria claims the lives of a million people annually, many of them young children; ninety percent of these deaths occur among people living in sub-Saharan Africa. Tuberculosis, once thought to be eradicated, has reemerged in new and more drug resistant strains. An estimated 1.7 million people now die annually from TB. Because those living